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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: AGREEMENT ON CONSENSUS STATEMENT

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR SCALI AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 9 CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC AMBASSADOR HUANG ON TEXT OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT THAT WOULD AVOID CONFRONTATION OF TWO OPPOSITNG KOREA RESOLUTIONS AT 28TH GA. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM, WHO WAS CONSULTED BEFORE SCALI--HUANG AGREEMENT, WARMLY ENDORSED OUTCOME. WE NOTIFIED CHINESE OF SECRETARY'S APPROVAL 10.30 PM NOVEMBER 9, WE AND CHINESE WILL INFORM RESPECTIVE KEY CO-SPONSORS NOVEMBER 10, ALL CO-SPONSORS NOVEMBER 12 AND FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN PROBABLY NOVEMBER 13. SCALI ACCEPTED HUANG'S STRONG URGING THAT WE AND ROK, AS WELL PRC AND DPRK, MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT WITH CO-SPONSORS TO INSURE THAT CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS US-CHINESE PRODUCT. HUANG'S CONCERN ABOUT THIS APPARENTLY MOTIVATED BY FEAR THAT HIGHLIGHTING US-PRC BIG-POWER COLLUSION MIGHT LEAD NOT ONLY TO CRITICISM OF PRC BUT TO UNRAVELING WHOLE ARRANGEMENT. THUS WE WILL BE TAKING CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIAL STEPS WITH OUR CO-SPONSORS TOWARD INSURING CONFIDENTIALITY. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING MORNING USUN CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK MISSION, AMBASSADOR SCALI MET WITH PRC

AMBASSADOR HUANG ON BASIS SECRETARY'S AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE ON TEXT REPORTED REFTEL A. SESSION LASTED MOST OF AFTERNOON, INCLUDING SUSPENSION FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK.

2. AMONG STICKING POINTS WAS HUANG'S INSISTENCE THAT OUR PRESSURE TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO UN ROLE IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY WAS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO PRC IN CONTEXT OF UN HISTORY IN KOREA. HUANG TOOK POSITION THAT HIS AGREEMENT TO DELETE FIRST PARA OF PROPOSED TEXT WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON OUR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN "INDEPENDENT" BEFORE "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION." WHEN IT CAME TOWARD END THAT "INDEPENDENT" WAS ONLY SUBSTANTIAL BLOCK TO AGREEMENT, WE SUSPENDED MEETING TO ALLOW CONSULTATION WITH SOUTH KOREANS, WHO EARLIER HAD INDICATED PROBLEMS WITH THIS. AFTER INITIAL HESITATION, AND IN LIGHT OF OTHER LANGUAGE IN CONSENSUS, ROK THEN ACCEPTED TEXT REPORTED REFTEL B WHILE EXPRESSING TO US COMPLETE SATISFACTION. (SEPTTEL REPORTS FONMIN KIM'S LATER ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENTS TO SCALI).

3. IN JUSTIFYING RETENTION OF PHRASE "AT THE CURRENT SESSION" FROM OPENING PARA, HUANG CAST SOME LIGHT ON CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD FUTURE OF KOREA ISSUE IN UN. THERE ARE MANY ISSUES CONCERNING KOREA, HUANG SAID, THAT ARE LEFT TO BE SOLVED. MANNER OF SETTLEMENT, HE SAID, IS ANOTHER MASTER. PRC ALSO DID NOT WISH TO PRECLUDE THAT UNGA WOULD RESOLVE OTHER ISSUES. HE REMARKED THAT DURING NEXT TWELVE MONTHS WE WOULD HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

4. IN CONCLUDING MEETING WITH CHINESE, SCALI INFORMED HUANG HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT TEXT TO SECRETARY AND WOULD INFORM HIM AS SOON AS SECRETARY APPROVED. HUANG AND SCALI AGREED THAT PRC WOULD THEN PASS WORD TO DPRK TO ENABLE LATTER TO INFORM KEY COSPONSORS OVER WEEKEND. ON OUR SIDE, WE WOULD INFORM CORE COSPONSORS GROUP ON NOVEMBER 10 AND RES OF COSPONSORS NOVEMBER 12 FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE WE WOULD HANDLE PRESS INQUIRIES (E.G. GROWING FROM KNOWLEDGE CONFIDENTIAL

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CHINESE SPENT AFTERNOON AT USUN). WITH "NO COMMENT." NEITHER SIDE WOULD INDICATE THAT AGREEMENT WAS RESULT OF US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS. ROK AND DPRK EACH WOULD DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER (NEITHER US NOR PRC) TO REPRESENT COSPONSORS. REPRESENTATIVES WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PROBABLY NOV 13, AND UNGA PRESIDENT ON CONSENSUS STATEMENT.

5. REGARDING US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS, MANNER IN WHICH HUANG EMPHASIZED NEED TO INSURE THAT AGREEMENT NOT LABELED PRODUCT OF SINO-AMERICAN PRIVATE EFFORT SERVED TO CLARIFY INTENSE CHINESE MISSION ANXIETY IN LAST TWO DAYS OVER DELAY IN US FOLLOW-UP TO PRC RESPONSE TO HUMMEL'S PRESENTATION TO HAN. IT ALSO THREW LIGHT ON

PRC' S INSISTENTLY IMPLIED CONCERN, AT NOVEMBER 8 NIGHT MEETING, THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON CONSENSUS MIGHT AWAIT SECRETARY' S ARRIVAL IN PEKING. HUANG APPARENTLY WANTED AGREEMENT REACHED IN NEW YORK TO FACILITATE PUBLIC DOWNGROUNDING OF US -CHINA ROLE .

6. AS RESULT OF STRONG CHINESE URGING, WE AGREED THAT WE AND ROK AS WELL AS PRC AND DPRK WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT WITH COSPONSORS TO INSURE THAT CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT NO BE IDENTIFIED AS SINO-US PRODUCT. HUANG'S CONCERN ABOUT THIS SEEMS TO BE MOTIVATED IN PART BY FEAT THAT HIGHLIGHTING OF US-PRC COLLUSION WOULD LEAD NOT ONLY TO CIRCITISM OF PRC BUT ALSO TO UNRAVELLING OF WHOLE ARRANGEMENT.

7. WE ARE THEREFORE TAKING SPECIAL STEPS TO INSURE COOPERATION OF KEY COSPONSORS WITH WHOM WE MEETING NOVEMBER 10, SOME OF WHOM AWARE OF OUR EARLIER CONTACTS WITH CHINESE.

8. IN ADDITION TO HUANG, COUNSELLOR CHOU AND INTERPRETER KUO PARTICIPATED FOR CHINESE. FOR USUN, AMBASSADOR BENNETT, SR. LEGAL ADVISER REIS AND MISOFFS THAYER AND WENER PARTICIPATED.

9. WE TELEPHONED CHINESE MISSION AT 10.30 PM NOVEMBER 9 TO CONFIRM THAT SECRETARY HAD APPROVED AGREEMENT.
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